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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Pondicq-Cassou  
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HEATING SYSTEM

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Dear Sir:

**ELECTION**

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 28, 2004. Please amend the application as follows.